

A bill for an act
relating to natural resources; modifying management provisions for certain
park land; modifying payments in lieu of taxes for certain park land; amending
Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 477A.17; Laws 2008, chapter 365, section
24, subdivision 2, as amended.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 477A.17, is amended to read:

**477A.17 LAKE VERMILION STATE PARK AND SOUDAN
UNDERGROUND MINE STATE PARK; ANNUAL PAYMENTS.**

(a) Beginning in fiscal year ~~2010~~ 2012, in lieu of the payment amount provided under
section 477A.12, subdivision 1, clause (1), the county shall receive an annual payment for
land acquired for Lake Vermilion State Park, established in section 85.012, subdivision
38a, and land within the boundary of Soudan Underground Mine State Park, established in
section 85.012, subdivision 53a, equal to 1.5 percent of the appraised value of the land.

(b) For the purposes of this section, the appraised value of the land acquired for
Lake Vermilion State Park for the first five years after acquisition shall be the purchase
price of the land, plus the value of any portion of the land that is acquired by donation.
The appraised value must be redetermined by the county assessor every five years after
the land is acquired.

(c) The annual payments under this section shall be distributed to the taxing
jurisdictions containing the property as follows: one-third to the school districts; one-third
to the town; and one-third to the county. The payment to school districts is not a county
apportionment under section 127A.34 and is not subject to aid recapture. Each of those
taxing jurisdictions may use the payments for their general purposes.

2.1 (d) Except as provided in this section, the payments shall be made as provided
2.2 in sections 477A.11 to 477A.13.

2.3 Sec. 2. Laws 2008, chapter 365, section 24, subdivision 2, as amended by Laws 2010,
2.4 chapter 189, section 60, is amended to read:

2.5 Subd. 2. **Management.** All lands acquired for Lake Vermilion State Park must
2.6 be administered in the same manner as provided for other state parks and must be
2.7 perpetually dedicated for that use. All lands shall be managed as one park unit with
2.8 Soudan Underground Mine State Park. After acquisition of lands for Lake Vermilion State
2.9 Park, but before any infrastructure development for the state park, public access and use,
2.10 including, but not limited to, hunting, fishing, and trail use, shall continue as allowed
2.11 before the acquisition. No additional restrictions may be implemented for public access
2.12 and use until development of state park infrastructure commences.